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federal level as it would affect education totally. Now I think if this is a working select committee of ECS in the State of Nebraska providing input to the ECS at the national level along with other states that possibly we can control some of the efforts of the federal government in terms of regulations and legislations which affects us totally. Here is our chance to put it in at the very beginning, hopefully bring about those things that we think are helpful to all of us.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Koch, would you answer a question for me.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Where does the money come from to operate the Commission?

SENATOR KOCH: It comes from the dues that we are talking about, Senator Chambers. Each state pays into the ECS in Denver. It is based upon a formula. Ours happens to be the amount Senator Lewis is talking about.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you do attend the meetings of this Commission?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Lewis, suppose it was like a picnic where everybody is suppose to bring their part to the overall meal and everybody opens their basket and they have all got what they are suppose to bring and you go there and you don't have anything, how do you feel?

SENATOR KOCH: You feel as though you are outside without...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You feel kind of funny?

SENATOR KOCH: You feel as though you haven't made your commitment totally.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, I think these Commissions are worthwhile when, as has been pointed out, they are working commissions. It is good to get thoughts and ideas from other parts of the country. Sometimes this cross pollination is worthwhile for everybody and the amount of money is not staggering. I think it is a very worthwhile proposition to do what this bill is asking to be done. I support it and I hope that you do, too. I don't know that the Governor gave a good reason for not allowing this funding in the first place but I think, as Senator Lewis told me, it is a better word for what happened to them would be embarrassment. Really, this state is not poverty stricken. I think this expenditure can easily be made, and since the members who do attend these commission meetings see value in it,